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**TOWN REPORT**

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# ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN. TREASURER CLERK AND  
SCHOOL BOARD

OF THE

# TOWN OF ALTON

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1909

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# TOWN OFFICERS

## SELECTMEN.

FRANK M. AYER.

WILLIAM H. BERRY,

OSCAR DUNCAN

## TOWN CLERK.

PERCY S. JONES.

## TREASURER.

HERBERT J. JONES.

## COLLECTOR OF TAXES

CHARLES H. DOWNING

## AUDITORS

WILLIS P. EMERSON.

## SUPERVISORS.

ELAM R. WRIGHT.

JOHN W. PROCTOR.

FRED L. HILL.

## SCHOOL BOARD.

ARTHUR D. ROLLINS.

ALBERT J. JONES.

ALTA H. McDUFFEE.

## FIRE WARDS.

GEORGE W. PLACE.

ALONZO B. LANG.

CHARLES H. DOWNING.

## BOARD OF HEALTH.

CHARLES E. FIFIELD.

CHARLES E. HUTCHINS.

FRANK M. AYER.

## POLICE.

## CONSTABLE.

EDWARD W. FRANCIS.

GEORGE W. PLACE.

## Selectmen's Report.

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### VALUATION OF ALTON.

Real estate, number of acres, 35,605, value,		\$548,522.22
Personal estate, including polls,		193,194.00
Total value,		\$741,716.00
Polls,	352	\$100.00
Horses,	388	76.77
Oxen,	53	56.60
Cows,	597	27.54
Neat stock,	124	16.65
Sheep,	153	3.14
Fowls,	165	46
Hogs,	19	7.21
Carriages,	14	100.00
Stock in public funds,		1,000.00
Stock in banks and other corporations,		1,700.00
Stock in trade,		68,750.00
Aqueducts,		12,000.00
Mills and machinery,		7,750.00
Money on deposit,		500.00
Buildings not designated,		700.00
Power boats,		12,000.00
Total,		\$193,194.00

Total amount of taxes raised,	\$13,350.89
State tax,	\$1,325.00
County tax,	1,800.35
School tax,	3,887.50
Highway tax,	2,288.29
Permanent improvement fund,	666.00
Fireman tax,	105.00
Library tax,	159.50
Town tax,	2,600.00
Percentage,	519.25
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Total,	\$13,350.00
Tax on poll, \$1.80.	

## RECEIPTS.

Amount of taxes charged to collector,	\$13,350.89
Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1908,	\$2,311.36
1907 taxes due from collector,	1,486.48
Willie E. Sanborn, int. on 1907 taxes,	16.18
Received of F. M. Ayer, Everett Gooding heirs tax,	26.66
Received of F. M. Ayer, Newman Crowell '06 tax,	4.90
Received of F. M. Ayer, C. Stella Bartlett, '07 tax,	8.33
Received of F. M. Ayer, E. H. Bishop, '07 tax,	5.23
Received of F. M. Ayer, Mrs. David Blair, '07 tax,	2.04
Received of F. M. Ayer, F. Flanders, '02 tax,	1.85
Received of F. M. Ayer, Clara Brown, '05 tax,	4.06

Received of F. M. Ayer, Ida Fortin, '07 tax,	26.30
Received of F. M. Ayer, J. G. W. Jones estate, '97, '01, '03, '04, '08 tax,	122.59
Received of F. M. Ayer, W. H. Clarke '04 tax,	4.56
Received of F. M. Ayer, Frank J. Stevens '07 tax,	3.21
Received of F. M. Ayer, James Y. Collins '07 tax,	1.79
Received of F. M. Ayer, Reuben Lamprey '07 tax,	12.93
Received of F. M. Ayer, Mrs. Henderson '07 tax,	1.54
Received of F. M. Ayer, Dudley Nelson '07 tax,	15.62
Received of F. M. Ayer, Harris A. Emerson '07 tax,	5.34
Received of F. M. Ayer, Andrew J. Gilman, '99 tax,	21.53
Received of F. M. Ayer, Freeman L. Johnson '07 tax,	1.25
Received of F. M. Ayer, Royal Cook '06 tax,	1.62
Received of F. M. Ayer, E. F. Goodwin '00 tax,	3.06
Received of F. M. Ayer, Charles P. Hayes '01 tax,	4.35
Received of F. M. Ayer, Charles P. Hayes '02 tax,	22.50
Received of F. M. Ayer, John L. Brown, '97 tax,	4.29

Received of F. M. Ayer, Royal Cook '07 tax,	1 40
Received of F. M. Ayer,, Freeman Thompson '07 tax,	1.80
Received of F. M. Ayer, Belknap county, 218.00	
Received of F. M. Ayer, railroad tax, 1,110.54	
Received of F. M. Ayer, savings bank tax,	1,138.42
Received of F. M. Ayer, literary fund,	125.37
Received of F. M. Ayer, proportion of school fund,	300.00
Received of F. M. Ayer, S. J. Roney '04 tax,	1.77
Received of F. M. Ayer, S. J. Roney '07 tax,	1.29
Received of F. M. Ayer, William P. Hale '07 tax,	23 24
Received of F. M. Ayer, Edward Appleton '05 tax,	1.89
Received of F. M. Ayer, Smith Dudley '04, '05, '07 tax,	7.61
Received of F. M. Ayer, Harry L. Flanders '07 tax,	3.21
Received of F. M. Ayer, Nathaniel Cook '07 tax,	3.32
Received of F. M. Ayer, George E. Locke '07 tax,	2.84
Received of F. M. Ayer, Mary E. Loeke '07 tax,	16.35
Received of F. M. Ayer, John Davis '06 tax,	1.77
Received of F. M. Ayer, J. N. Shattuck '02 tax,	1.94

Received of F. M. Ayer, W. G. J.	
Perry '06-'07 tax,	3.89
Received of F. M. Ayer, G. F. Davis, on account '05 tax,	3.97
Received of F. M. Ayer, S. O. Walling- ford tax,	10.00
Received of F. M. Ayer, Gustena Davis '99 tax,	44.96
Received of F. M. Ayer, Gustena Davis '01 tax,	64.32
Received of F. M. Ayer, Gustena Davis '02 tax,	63.04
Received of F. M. Ayer, Gustena Davis '03 tax,	37.79
Received of F. M. Ayer, Gustena Davis '04 tax,	59.36
Received of F. M. Ayer, Gustena Davis '05 tax,	32.21
Received of F. M. Ayer, Gustena Davis '06 tax,	44.66
Received of F. M. Ayer, Gustena Davis '07 tax,	23.85
Received of F. M. Ayer, Nellie M. Twombly heirs '07 tax,	26.95
Received of F. M. Ayer, Leroy F. Woodman '06-'07 tax,	21.10
Received of F. M. Ayer, Calvin S. Glidden '99 tax,	55.10
Received of F. M. Ayer, James M. Jones '02 tax,	7.72
Received of F. M. Ayer, Clark Perkins heirs '99, '00, 01, '02, '05, '06, '07 tax,	38.01

Received of F. M. Ayer, state board License Com. bal. '07,	4.14
Received of F. M. Ayer, state board License Com.,	168.21
Received of Percy S. Jones, town clerk, dog license,	315.60
Received of F. M. Ayer, Sarah J. I. Evans fund,	100.00
Received of F. M. Ayer, Ruth Mitchell '00-'01 taxes,	53.17
Received of F. M. Ayer, hall rent,	77.00
Received of Steve Demetris, pedler's license,	8.00
Received of C. H. Downing, back taxes,	49.44
Received of Belknap county,	56.94
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Total,	\$21,803.21

## EXPENDITURES.

Paid Charles E. Tuttle, care hand engine,	\$10.00
Farmington News Co., printing reports,	43.60
Farmington News Co., printing ballots,	4.50
Farmington News Co., printing moth notices,	2.50
Abbie M. Dore, watering tub, 1907,	3.00
Frank A. Varney, school money,	500.00
Pearl S. Bassett, librarian,	12.50
Edson C. Eastman, order, collector, and clerk books,	8.47
Mindwell Whitehouse, ind. on note.	75.00
Frank A. Varney, school money,	500.00
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Alton E. L. & P. Co., lights for fountain,	10.00

M. H. Savage Post, Memorial appropriation,	50.00
Alonzo S. French, library appropriation,	159.50
Gilbert & Barker Mfg. Co., gasolene,	26.43
Evans Furniture Co., curtains town hall,	24.85
Good Roads Mach. Co., repairs road machine,	17.50
Orrin Lamper, dog damage,	7.00
Pearl S. Bassett, librarian,	12.50
Frank A. Varney, school money,	500.00
Nelson Brackett, repairs at lobby,	5.00
Albert J. Jones, school supplies,	151.38
North East Metal Culvert Co., metal culverts,	183.33
Frank M. Ayer, extra firemen, Mt. Major fire,	47.92
Pearle S. Bassett, librarian,	12.50
Board of health, supplies,	25.00
Frank A. Varney, school money,	500.00
Margaret A. Wadleigh, ind. on note,	100.00
Orrin A. Lamper, dog damage,	30.00
Irad B. Gilman, repairing bridge,	19.35
Walter Tuttle, road work,	12.00
John Whitehouse, road work,	4.35
Clarence A. Horne, road work,	10.73
Albert Foster, road work,	3.22
Oscar Duncan, road work,	23.65
Herman P. Horne, road work,	75.00
Charles W. Whitehouse, labor Cotton bridge,	45.00
Colby & Hill, bridge plank,	17.28
Alton E. L. & P. Co., lights on fountain,	10.00
Frank M. Ayer, janitor,	50.00
Frank M. Ayer, care of clock,	10.00
Cyrus Furber, sawing wood,	2.00
David E. Clough, labor and lumber,	5.25
Frank A. Varney, school money,	500.00
Frank S. Nutter, shieep damage,	20.00

Andrew J. Ward, watering tub, '05, '06, '07,	9.00
George F. Glidden, bridge plank,	40.80
Charles E. Fifield, board of health expense,	37.00
Charles H. Tibbetts, sheep damage,	12.00
Fred H. Crocker, repairs on town hall,	5.94
Oscar Duncan, blacksmith work.	23.90
John Farquhars Sons, slate,	4.54
Gilbert & Barker Mfg. Co., gasolene and mantles,	32.55
Portsmouth Coal Pockets, coal,	65.84
Frank A. Varney, school money,	500.00
Clarence A. Spinney, care C. F. Rand,	5.00
Mindwell Whitehouse, ind. on note,	75.00
Clarence A. Spinney, care C. F. Rand,	5.00
Paul E. Buckley, repairs town hall,	1.60
The Downing Co., drain pipe.	60.45
George W. Place, bridge plank,	135.38
George W. Place, coal,	4.18
George H. Fifield, teams fire dept..	38.50
Clarence A. Spinney, care C. F. Rand,	5.00
Clarence A. Spinney, care C. F. Rand.	5.00
Mrs. H. S. Gilman, librarian,	12.50
Alton & Alton Bay Water Co., hydrants.	500.00
Frank A. Varney, school money,	500.00
Albert J. Jones, school supplies,	185.55
Clarence A. Spinney, care C. F. Rand.	5.00
Clarence A. Spinney, care C. F. Rand.	5.00
Elam R. Wright, return of births and deaths,	3.50
George W. Place, expense at fire,	7.00
James Dobbins, snow guards on hall,	23.52
Alton E. L. P. Co., lights at fountains.	10.00
Gilman Snow Guard Co., snow guards and express,	12.20

Lothrop & Pinkham, wax for hall,	2 70
J. H. Downing Co., supplies,	9.25
Charles E. Hutchins, board of health supplies,	5 96
J. B. Hunter, door check,	6.50
Frank A. Varney, school money,	500.00
Albert D. Merritt, wood,	8.00
Willie E. Sanborn, drawing coal,	2.20
Stella M. Francis, recording inventory.	15.00
Stella M. Francis, recording precinct inventory,	5.00
E. W. Francis, dog officer,	12.75
E. W. Francis, care of tramps,	10.25
Jewell, Owen and Veasey, counsel,	13.00
Alonzo S. French, int. on Palmer fund,	17.50
Jacob Chamberlin, lumber,	3.60
Abbie M. Dore, watering tub, '08,	3.00
H. H. Bennett, labor and material,	5.90
Jones & Lamprey, supplies,	4.23
George W. Place, tramps,	48.50
George W. Place, food for tramps,	1.50
George W. Place, supplies.	12.00
L. G. Welch, supplies.	.60
Ira P. Mitchell, care L. S. Nute lot,	3.00
Willis P. Emerson, supplies,	2.18
Willis P. Emerson, clerk Hose No. 2,	120.70
Melville Adams, clerk Hose No. 1,	292.55
E. W. Cummings, return of marriages.	1.50
E. E. Colbath & Co., oil,	.75
Forest H. Rollins, watering tub, '08,	3.00
Frank A. Varney, balance school money,	156.79
Arthur D. Rollins, flag pole and fixtures.	5.50
David H. Morrison, watering tub, '08,	3.00
Alonzo S. French, note and interest,	762.11
H. J. Jones, insurance town hall,	100.00

Alton and Alton Bay Water Co., bal. on hydrants,	280.00
Alton & Alton Bay Water Co., water town hall, 19.00	
Alton & Alton Bay Water Co., supplies at fountain,	2.00
Police court, '07-'08,	24.00
Albert J. Jones, express on school supplies,	1.30
F. M. Ayer, dinners March and November, '08.	3.60
F. M. Ayer, stamps and envelopes, moth notices, '08.	3.75
F. M. Ayer, stamps and envelopes, moth notices, '09,	6.05
F. M. Ayer, one day helping slater,	2.00
F. M. Ayer, car fare, tel., ex., and stationery,	9.96
F. M. Ayer, care order book,	5.00
F. M. Ayer, renting town hall,	3.00
Oscar Duncan, car fare,	.90
J. Jones & Son, supplies,	31.13
Edwin K. Jenkins, watering tub, '08,	3.00
Charles H. Downing, adjusting back taxes.	15.00
William H. Berry, use of team, '08-'09,	15.00
F. M. Ayer, janitor,	27.00
F. M. Ayer, care of clock,	5.00
Solon A. Carter, state tax,	1,325.00
Stephen B. Cole, county tax,	1,800.35
Margaret A. Wadleigh, interest on note,	29.08
Cordelia M. Woodman, note and interest.	435.49
James W. Durgin, note and interest,	326.62
Sarah J. Clarke, note and interest,	108.87
John Q. Adams, note and interest.	108.87
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Total,	\$13,390.75

## PAUPERS.

Paid P. H. Wheeler, aid to Alvin Hoyt, town,	\$4.50
Charles W. Emerson, aid to Alvin Hoyt, town,	1.50
Stephen H. Flanders, aid to Alvin Hoyt, town,	1.50
Frank M. Ayer, aid to Alvin Hoyt, town,	1.60
Belknap county farm, board, Alvin Hoyt, town,	13.57
Willis P. Emerson, aid to Mattie Hayes, county,	81.00
David E. Clough, aid to Clara Blackmore, county,	1.00
Frank A. Varney, aid to Richard Merrill, county,	6.94
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Total,	\$111.61

## DEPENDENT SOLDIERS AND FAMILIES.

Paid the J. H. Downing Co., county,	\$106.00
W. P. Emerson, county,	81.00
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Total,	\$187.00

## TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Walter A. Lang, ballot inspector, '06, '07 and '08,	\$6.00
Elam R. Wright, supervisor, '07 and '08,	22.00
Sylvester B. Huckins, supervisor, '07 and '08,	20.00
Charles B. Hutchins, board of health,	20.00
Charles E. Fifield, board of health,	13.30
Charles E. Fifield, probation officer,	15.00
Charles E. Fifield, truant officer,	4.00
Edward W. Francis, police officer,	7.00
George W. Place, constable,	13.00
George W. Place, fire ward,	9.00

Laban G. Welch, supervisor, '07 and '08,	14.00
Charles H. McDuffee, selectman,	4.00
Lewis H. Lamprey, selectman,	3.00
Albert J. Jones, school board,	20.00
Alta H. McDuffee, school board,	30.00
Arthur D. Rollins, school board,	20.00
Frank A. Varney, school treasurer,	15.00
Frank A. Varney, ballot inspector,	6.00
Percy S. Jones, town clerk,	61.89
Waldo C. Varney, town clerk,	9.40
Herbert J. Jones, town treasurer,	50.00
Frank M. Ayer, overseer of poor,	15.00
Oscar Duncan, selectman,	81.00
Charles H. Downing, fire ward,	5.00
Charles H. Downing, collector,	185.00
William H. Berry, selectman.	75.00
Alonzo B. Lang, fire ward,	5.00
Frank M. Ayer, selectman,	101.00
Willis P. Emerson, auditor,	2.00
W. P. Peabody, auditor.	2.00
Total.	\$833.59

## WINTER WORK ON HIGHWAY, 1907 AND 1908.

Paid Charles E. Fifield.	\$9.15
Herbert Glidden.	1.50
Fred W. Leach.	7.49
Jacob Peterson,	5.20
George Elliott,	4.40
Lewis P. Varney,	1.95
Charles A. Barr,	.85
Calvin S. Glidden.	21.00

Al T. Gilman,	23.62
Fred S. Gilman,	27.95
Fred I. Woodman,	8.00
Orin D. Glidden.	12.00
Frank Glidden.	6.60
Charles Clough,	4.67
Lewis E. Avery,	4.55
Selden H. Glidden,	5.00
John P. Leavitt.	1.35
Charles H. Moulton,	3.50
Sewell E. Roberts.	15.00
Frank Carpenter,	3.15
Fred E. Glidden,	40.38
Albert D. Morse,	30.96
Charles H. W. Jones,	30.50
George W. Lamper,	37.20
David and Orrin Lamper.	10.36
Willis E. Glidden,	12.35
Amanda Willard,	1.95
Thomas J. Alden,	7.35
Irad B. Gilman,	9.85
Charles D. Marston,	.60
Moses W. Flanders,	1.65
Harry L. Flanders,	.82
John Weeks,	4.79
Thomas J. Alden,	5.85
James B. Place,	5.17
Edwin A. Shagnon,	9.09
Cyrus Deane.	.30
Charles P. Hayes,	3.75
Fred Glidden,	3.00
Albert D. Varney,	5.70
John R. Tufts,	.75

Lester A. Young,	19.25
David H. Morrison,	2.55
Harry Morrison,	6.20
George W. Morrison.	7.85
Seth H. Kimball,	5.10
William Shaw,	1.80
Seth E. Rollins,	6.08
Calvin Rollins,	7.06
Seth E. Grant,	6.30
Harison B. Ricker.	8.85
Frank H. Emerson.	.75
Levi G. Page,	6.23
Calvin H. Flanders,	4.73
Morris L. Flanders.	4.80
Dana Bradley,	.90
John McPhee,	2.40
Alonzo B. Lang,	4.35
Charles G. Drew,	3.00
Willie M. Stevens,	3.60
George W. Colbath,	3.40
Andrew J. Gilman,	4.60
Forrest H. Rollins,	8.40
George W. Plaee,	36.30
Hadley F. Gilman,	23.50
George H. Fifield,	12.00
George W. Gerrish,	.45
Charles Y. Thyng,	.30
Ira W. Mitchell,	4.00
Lewis A. Proetor,	4.50
Edwin K. Jenkins,	1.20
Edgar P. Seward.	1.50
Romeyn B. Hurd,	7.13
C. C. Rines heirs.	12.45

Nathaniel Phillips,	4.95
Stephen Shagnon,	10.80
George Shagnon,	2.25
Hiram O. Tuttle,	3.30
George W. Rollins,	8.40
Enos G. Rollins,	2.00
George S. Chamberlin,	5.40
Robert A. Frohock,	14.44
W. Allen Varney,	2.10
Percy H. Walker,	3.95
Jonathan L. Rollins,	6.80
Stephen P. Barnes,	2.85
Hervey G. Hayes,	1.80
Albert H. Hayes,	3.10
Joseph A. Mooney,	1.20
Julian Emerson,	.83
Edwin O. Prescott,	5.20
George W. Horne,	1.75
Velzora A. Dealand,	5.80
Sylvester B. Huckins,	9.70
John F. Hanson,	1.25
William H. Berry,	2.40
Frank L. Furber,	5.00
Ira C. Chamberlain,	7.15
Harold A. Dunnells,	5.89
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	\$729.14

## ABSTRACT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS.

Cash on hand, Feb. 15, 1908,	\$2,311.36
Total receipts during the year,	19,491.85

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Total,	\$21,803.21
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## DISBURSEMENTS.

Total disbursements during the year,	\$18,652.66
Cash on hand, Feb. 15, 1909,	3,149.55

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Total,	\$21,803.21
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## DEBT.

Liabilities, Feb. 15, 1908,	\$7,133.15
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Assets, Feb. 15, 1908,	3,842.76
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Debt of town, Feb. 15, 1908.	\$3,290.39
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Liabilities, Feb. 15, 1909,	\$4,865.82
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Assets, Feb. 15, 1909,	3,915.45
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Debt of town, Feb. 15, 1909.	\$950.37
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Decrease of debt,	\$2,340.02
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## RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1908,	\$2,311.36
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Taxes received from collector,	13,350.89
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Railroad tax,	1,110.54
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Savings bank tax,	1,138.42
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Literary fund,	125.37
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Proportion of school fund,	300.00
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Belknap county, for support of paupers,	274.94
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Dog license,	315.60
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Miscellaneous items.	2,953.09
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Total.	\$21,803.21
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## DISBURSEMENTS.

Town paupers,	\$22.67
County paupers,	95.94
Town officers,	833.59
Highway, summer work,	2,695.31
Highway, winter work,	729.14
Supplies for schools,	336.93
Damage by dogs,	69.00
State tax,	1,325.00
County tax,	1,800.35
Fireman tax,	105.00
Memorial appropriation,	50.00
Town notes and interest,	2,021.04
Support of schools,	4,656.79
Abatement 1907 taxes,	21.29
Abatement 1908 taxes,	62.86
Dependent soldiers and families,	187.00
Miscellaneous,	3,641.75
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Total,	\$18,653.66
Excess of receipts over disbursements,	3,149.55
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Total,	\$21,803.21

## ASSETS.

Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1909,	\$3,149.55
Balance due from Belknap county,	45.92
Metal culverts on hand,	46.60
Due from C. F. Rand estate,	33.00
Due from back taxes bought by town,	596.88
Due from 1908 taxes bought by town,	43.50
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	\$3,915.45

## LIABILITIES.

Due sundry parties on notes,	\$4,111.56
School literary fund,	125.37
School, balance dog money,	233.85
Unexpended balance of permanent improvement fund.	395.04
Total indebtedness of town.	<hr/> \$4,865.82

## DOG LICENSES.

Cash received for dog licenses.	\$315.60
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## PAYMENTS.

Damage by dogs,	\$69.00
Expenses collecting,	12.75
Balance due schools,	233.85
Total,	\$315.60

## TRUST FUNDS.

Carrie B. Nute, cemetery fund,	\$150.00
Eveline L. Palmer, library fund,	500.00
Sarah J. I. Evans, cemetery fund,	100.00
Total,	<hr/> \$750.00

The foregoing report contains a synopsis of our financial transactions for the past official year.

Respectfully submitted without an apology,

FRANK M. AYER,  
WILLIAM H. BERRY,  
OSCAR DUNCAN,

*Selectmen of Alton.*

We, the undersigned, having examined the foregoing account, find it properly vouched and correctly cast.

WILLIS P. EMERSON,  
WILLIAM P. PEABODY.

*Auditors.*

Alton, N. H., February 15, 1909.

## Report of Treasurer.

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1908.

March 16	Balance cash in treasury.	\$2,311.36
	Received of W. E. Sanborn, collector '07,	606.20
March 28	Received of W. E. Sanborn, collector, '07.	143.30
April 13	Received of W. E. Sanborn, collector, '07,	125.71
June 13	Received of W. E. Sanborn, collector, '07,	27.55
June 17	Received of C. H. Downing, collector,	475.00
July 28	Received of P. S. Jones, dog licenses,	276.00
Aug. 1	Received of State License Commissioners, '07 balance,	4.14
Aug. 1	Received of State License Commissioners, 1908 licenses,	168.21
Aug. 3	Received of C. H. Downing, collector,	200.00
Aug. 15	Received of C. H. Downing, collector,	300.00
Aug. 17	Received of C. H. Downing, collector,	200.00
Aug. 27	Received of C. H. Downing, collector,	300.00
Sept. 12	Received of C. H. Downing, collector,	125.00
Sept. 19	Received of C. H. Downing, collector,	400.00
Sept. 30	Received of F. M. Ayer, selectman,	79.37

Oct.	10	Received of C. H. Downing, collector,	650.00
Nov.	14	Received of C. H. Downing, collector,	800.00
Nov.	19	Received of F. M. Ayer, selectman,	122.59
Nov.	28	Received of F. M. Ayer, selectman,	9.50
		Received of C. H. Downing, collector,	200.00
Dec.	1	Received of C. H. Downing, collector,	625.00
Dec.	7	Received of C. H. Downing, collector,	1,000.00
Dec.	16	Received of C. H. Downing, collector,	1,300.00
		Received of F. M. Ayer, selectman,	218.00
Dec.	26	Received of C. H. Downing, collector,	300.00
Dec.	28	Received of F. M. Ayer, R. R. tax,	1,110.54
		Received of F. M. Ayer, savings bank tax,	1,138.42
		Received of F. M. Ayer, literary fund,	125.37
		Received of F. M. Ayer, school fund,	300.00
Dec.	29	Received of C. H. Downing, collector,	200.00
1909.			
Jan.	2	Received of C. H. Downing, collector,	150.00
Jan.	4	Received of F. M. Ayer, selectman,	59.65
Jan.	11	Received of C. H. Downing, collector,	1,000.00
Jan.	22	Received of F. M. Ayer, selectman,	72.42
Jan.	25	Received of F. M. Ayer, selectman,	369.29
Feb.	1	Received of P. S. Jones, dog licenses,	39.60
Feb.	6	Received of C. H. Downing, collector,	1,467.71
		Received of Stev Demetris, license,	8.00
Feb.	15	Received of F. M. Ayer, selectman,	100.00
Feb.	15	Received of F. M. Ayer, selectman,	190.09
Feb.	15	Received of F. M. Ayer, selectman,	77.00
Feb.	15	Received of F. M. Ayer, selectman,	109.65
Feb.	15	Received of C. H. Downing, collector,	130.89
Feb.	15	Received of F. M. Ayer, selectman,	56.94
Cash received.			\$17,672.50

## CASH PAID OUT, AS PER ORDER.

1908.

March 20	Paid Charles E. Tuttle,	\$10.00
March 21	Farmington News,	50.60
March 28	Abbie M. Dore,	3.00
April 3	F. A. Varney,	500.00
April 6	Pearle S. Bassett,	12.50
April 6	Edson C. Eastmon,	8.47
April 20	Mindwell Whitehouse,	75.00
April 27	William H. Berry,	40.00
April 28	Oscar Duncan,	50.00
May 1	F. A. Varney,	500.00
May 22	F. A. Varney,	500.00
May 25	Alton Electric Light Co.,	10.00
May 29	M. H. Savage Post,	50.00
June 6	A. S. French,	159.50
June 9	Irad B. Gilman	19.35
	The J. H. Downing Co.,	36.00
June 11	Gilbert & Barker Manf'g Co.,	26.43
June 12	Evans Furniture Co.,	24.85
	Good Roads Machine Co.,	17.50
	W. A. Lang,	6.00
June 13	Orrin Lamper,	7.00
June 15	Pearle S. Bassett,	12.50
June 17	F. A. Varney,	500.00
June 18	Nelson Brackett,	5.00
June 26	Albert J. Jones,	151.38
June 26	Walter Tuttle,	12.00
June 26	John Whitehouse,	4.35
June 26	C. A. Horne,	10.73
June 29	Albert Foster,	3.22
July 21	S. B. Cole, county treasurer, per receipt,	900.18

July	23	New England Metal Culvert Co.,	183.33
July	28	F. M. Ayer,	47.92
Aug.	5	Oscar Duncan,	23.65
Sept.	17	Pearle S. Bassett,	12.50
Sept.	19	Herman P. Horne,	75.00
Sept.	19	Board of health,	25.00
Oct.	1	F. A. Varney,	500.00
Oct.	5	Margaret A. Wadleigh,	100.00
Oct.	5	Orren A. Lamper,	30.00
Oct.	5	Charles W. Whitehouse,	45.00
Oct.	5	Colby & Hill,	17.28
Oct.	5	Alton Electric Light Co.,	10.00
Oct.	5	W. H. Berry,	15.00
Oct.	5	F. M. Ayer,	60.00
Oct.	23	Cyrus Furber,	2.00
Oct.	23	David E. Clough,	5.25
Oct.	28	F. A. Varney,	500.00
Nov.	3	Frank S. Nutter,	20.00
Nov.	6	Andrew J. Ward,	9.00
Nov.	7	George F. Glidden,	40.80
Nov.	9	Charles E. Fifield,	37.00
Nov.	13	Charles H. Tibbets,	12.00
Nov.	13	Fred H. Crocker,	5.94
Nov.	13	Oscar Duncan,	23.90
Nov.	13	John Farquhar & Son,	4.54
Nov.	13	Gilbert & Barker Co.,	32.55
Nov.	19	Portsmouth Coal Pockets,	65.84
Nov.	19	P. H. Wheeler,	4.50
Nov.	19	Charles W. Emerson,	1.50
Nov.	19	Stephen H. Flanders,	1.50
Nov.	19	F. M. Ayer Co.,	1.60
Nov.	24	Clarence Spinney,	5.00
Nov.	24	F. A. Varney,	500.00

Nov.	25	Elam R. Wright,	22.00
Nov.	28	Sylvester B. Huckins,	20.00
Nov.	28	Mindwell Whitehouse,	75.00
Nov.	28	Clarence Spinney,	5.00
Nov.	30	Paul E. Buckley,	1.60
Nov.	30	The J. H. Downing Co.,	50.00
Nov.	30	The Downing Co.,	60.45
Nov.	30	George W. Place,	135.38
Nov.	30	George W. Place,	4.18
Dec.	3	W. P. Emerson,	66.00
Dec.	3	W. P. Emerson,	66.00
Dec.	3	George H. Fifield,	38.50
Dec.	5	Clarence Spinney,	5.00
Dec.	12	Clarence Spinney,	5.00
Dec.	12	Mrs. Harold S. Gilman,	12.50
Dec.	16	Alton & Alton Bay Water Co.,	500.00
Dec.	17	F. A. Varney,	500.00
Dec.	19	Albert J. Jones,	185.55
Dec.	19	Clarence Spinney,	5.00
Dec.	26	Clarence Spinney,	5.00
Dec.	28	Solon A. Carter, state tax. per receipt,	1,325.00
Dec.	30	S. B. Cole, county treasurer, per receipt,	900.17

## 1909.

Jan.	2	Elam R. Wright,	3.50
Jan.	4	George W. Place,	7.00
Jan.	4	James Dobbins,	23.52
Jan.	4	Alton Electric Light Co.,	10.00
Jan.	4	Gilman Snow Guard Co.,	12.20
Jan.	4	Lothrop & Pinkham,	2.70
Jan.	8	The J. H. Downing Co.,	9.25
Jan.	14	Chas. E. Hutchins.	25.96

Jan.	15	J. B. Hunter Co.,	6.50
Jan.	23	F. A. Varney,	500.00
Feb.	4	Albert DeMerritt,	8.00
Feb.	4	Charles E. Fifield,	32.30
Feb.	4	The J. H. Downing Co..	20.00
Feb.	8	Willie E. Sanborn,	2.20
Feb.	8	Belknap county farm,	13.57
Feb.	8	Stella M. Francis,	20.00
Feb.	8	E. W. Francis,	30.00
Feb.	8	Jewell, Owen & Veasey,	13.00
Feb.	8	A. S. French,	17.50
Feb.	8	Jacob Chamberlain,	3.60
Feb.	11	Abbie M. Dore,	3.00
Feb.	11	David E. Clough,	1.00
Feb.	11	H. H. Bennett,	5.90
Feb.	11	Jones & Lamprey,	4.23
Feb.	13	George W. Place,	84.00
Feb.	13	L. G. Welch,	14.60
Feb.	13	Ira Mitchell,	3.00
Feb.	13	Willis P. Emerson,	15.00
Feb.	13	Willis P. Emerson,	15.00
Feb.	13	Willis P. Emerson,	2.18
Feb.	13	Willis P. Emerson,	120.70
Feb.	13	Melville Adams,	292.55
Feb.	13	Frank A. Varney,	2.04
Feb.	13	Edwin W. Cummings,	1.50
Feb.	13	C. H. McDuffee,	4.00
Feb.	13	Lewis H. Lamprey,	3.00

Feb.	13	S. E. Colbath & Co.,	.75
Feb.	13	Forest H. Rollins,	3.00
Feb.	13	F. A. Varney,	156.79
Feb.	13	A. J. Jones,	20.00
Feb.	13	Alta H. McDuffee,	30.00
Feb.	15	Arthur D. Rollins,	20.00
Feb.	15	Arthur D. Rollins,	5.50
Feb.	15	David H. Morrison,	3.00
Feb.	15	F. A. Varney,	21.00
Feb.	15	F. A. Varney	4.90
Feb.	15	Percy S. Jones,	61.89
Feb.	15	A. S. French (executor) .	762.11
Feb.	15	Alton police court,	24.00
Feb.	15	W. C. Varney,	9.40
Feb.	15	H. J. Jones,	100.00
Feb.	15	Alton & Alton Bay Water Works Co.,	301.00
Feb.	15	H. J. Jones.	50.00
Feb.	15	A. J. Jones,	1.30
Feb.	15	Oscar Duncan,	31.90
Feb.	15	J. Jones & Son,	31.13
Feb.	15	C. H. Downing,	190.00
Feb.	15	A. B. Lang,	5.00
Feb.	15	Edward K. Jenkins,	3.00
Feb.	15	C. H. Downing,	15.00
Feb.	15	W. H. Berry,	35.00
Feb.	15	F. M. Ayer,	32.00
Feb.	15	F. M. Ayer,	33.36

Feb. 15	F. M. Ayer,	116.00
Feb. 15	Margaret A. Wadleigh,	29.08
Feb. 15	Cordelia M. Woodman,	435.49
Feb. 15	James W. Durgin,	326.62
Feb. 15	Sarah J. Clark,	108.87
Feb. 15	John Q. Adams,	108.87
Feb. 15	Willis P. Emerson,	2.00
Feb. 15	W. P. Peabody,	2.00
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	Total,	\$14,522.95
	Balance in treasury.	3,149.55
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		\$17,672.50

HERBERT J. JONES, *Treasurer.*

We, the undersigned, having examined the foregoing account, find it properly vouched and correctly cast.

WILLIS P. EMERSON,

W. P. PEABODY,

*Auditors.*

Alton, N. H., February 15, 1909.

## School Report.

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In conformity to the statute requirements, the school board herewith submits the following as their twenty-second annual report of the public schools of the town of Alton.

### W. ALTON.

Spring term of eleven weeks, taught by Grace H. Rollins; fall term of nineteen weeks, taught by Grace H. Rollins.

### MOUNTAIN.

Spring term of eleven weeks, taught by Carolyn E. May; fall term of nine weeks, taught by Carrie C. Paul; and three weeks taught by Bertha M. Stevens.

### CLOUGH.

Spring term of eleven weeks, taught by Elizabeth R. Johnson; fall term of eighteen weeks, taught by Martha Savage.

### McDUFFEE.

Spring term of eleven weeks, taught by Eva M. Harris; fall term of nineteen weeks, taught by Eula M. Presby.

### HIGH SCHOOL.

Spring term of eleven weeks, taught by Nelson S. Mitchell and Fannie G. de Dochemont, assistant. P. H.

term of fifteen weeks, taught by Percy E. Gleason and Fannie G. de Rochemont, assistant. The winter term of ten weeks is now in progress.

#### GRAMMAR.

Spring term of eleven weeks and fall term of fifteen weeks, taught by Grace E. Lord. The winter term of ten weeks is now in progress.

#### INTERMEDIATE.

Spring term of eleven weeks, and fall term of fifteen weeks, taught by Margaret H. Manning. A winter term of ten weeks is now in progress.

#### PRIMARY.

Spring term of eleven weeks, taught by Bertha M. Stevens; fall and winter terms of fifteen and ten weeks respectively, taught by Leila F. Hussey.

#### BAY.

A spring term of eleven weeks, taught by Elizabeth T. Whitehouse; fall term of nineteen weeks, taught by Elizabeth M. Hardy.

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### RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS.

#### RECEIPTS.

Balance in hands of district treasurer.	\$366.88
Raised by tax for support of schools,	3,187.50
Raised by tax for repairs,	50.00
Raised by tax for High school.	300.00
Raised by tax for grade schools.	350.00
Literary fund,	117.12
Dog tax.	252.17

State (school supervision),	300.00
Tuition from Mr. Munsey,	20.50
Railroad tax,	100.00
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	\$5,044.17
Due from Mark Harris,	10.50
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## DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid teachers' salaries	\$3,131.00
fuel and fitting same.	228.38
janitor,	205.39
superintendent,	583.33
repairs,	42.35
tuition to other towns,	60.00
transportation of school children,	407.00
miscellaneous,	134.76
Bal. in hands of district treasurer,	251.96
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	\$5,044.17

ARTHUR D. ROLLINS,

ALTA H. McDUFFEE,

ALBERT J. JONES,

*School Board of Alton.*

We, the undersigned, having examined the foregoing account, find it properly vouched and correctly cast.

WILLIS P. EMERSON,

WILLIAM P. PEABODY,

*Auditors.*

Alton, N. H., February 15, 1909.

# School District Treasurer's Report.

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## CASH RECEIVED.

1908.

March 20.	Balance in treasury,	\$366.88
April 3.	Received of Herbert J. Jones, treasurer,	500.00
May 1.	Received of Herbert J. Jones, treasurer,	500.00
22.	Received of Herbert J. Jones, treasurer,	500.00
June 17.	Received of Herbert J. Jones, treasurer,	500.00
Oct. 1.	Received of Herbert J. Jones, treasurer,	500.00
28.	Received of Herbert J. Jones, treasurer,	500.00
Nov. 24.	Received of Herbert J. Jones, treasurer,	500.00
Dec. 17.	Received of Herbert J. Jones, treasurer,	500.00

1909.

Jan. 23.	Received of Herbert J. Jones, treasurer,	500.00
Feb. 15.	Received of Herbert J. Jones, treasurer,	56.79
15.	Received railroad money,	100.00
16.	Received of Mr. Munsey for tuition,	20.50

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\$5,044.17

## CASH PAID OUT.

1908.

March 20.	Paid B. L. Blaisdell,	\$21.25
24.	Bertha M. Stevens,	60.00
April 4.	E. O. Prescott,	2.75
6.	Grace E. Lord.	40.00

	6.	Fannie G. De Rochemont.	40.00
	10.	Nelson S. Mitchell,	65.00
	10.	Margaret Manning,	50.00
	10.	C. A. Twombly,	50.00
	17.	Charles H. Davis,	7.15
	17.	Julian Emerson,	9.00
	22.	Harry L. Moore,	113.32
	24.	George A. Dore,	2.00
	29.	Leroy Woodman,	6.00
May	1.	B. L. Blaisdell,	27.19
	1.	Elizabeth T. Whitehouse,	28.00
	1.	Bertha M. Stevens,	40.00
	1.	Margaret H. Manning,	40.00
	1.	Grace E. Lord,	40.00
	2.	Carolyn E. May,	32.00
	2.	Fannie G. De Rochemont.	40.00
	2.	Elizabeth R. Johnson,	28.00
	4.	Nelson S. Mitchell,	65.00
	6.	C. H. W. Jones,	2.50
	6	Chas. H. Davis,	7.15
	6	Eva M. Harris,	28.00
	11	F. N. Merrill,	30.00
	16	W. Allen Varney,	15.00
	16	B. L. Blaisdell,	10.00
	17	Louie M. Small,	35.00
	22	Grace E. Lord,	30.00
	22	Fannie G. de Roehmont,	30.00
	23	Nelson S. Mitchell,	130.00
	29	Carolyn E. May,	32.00
	29	B. L. Blaisdell,	10.00
	29	Bertha M. Stevens,	40.00
	29	Eva M. Harris,	28.00
June	3	Elizabeth Johnson.	28.00

	H. L. Moore,	56.66
4	Margaret H. Manning,	40.00
16	Elizabeth T. Whitehouse,	14.00
19	Margaret H. Manning,	45.00
19	Nelson S. Mitchell,	65.00
19	Grace E. Lord,	\$40.00
19	Fannie G. de Rochemont,	40.00
19	Elizabeth Johnson,	21.00
20	Raymond C. Duncan,	12.50
20	Eva M. Harris.	21.00
20	Allen Varney.	25.00
20	Louie M. Small,	42.00
20	B. L. Blaisdell,	19.50
26	Carolyn C. Varney.	20.00
27	Gilman & Cotton,	60.00
27	Ai T. Gilman,	105.00
29	Carolyn E. May,	24.00
29	Farmington News.	6.00
July 1	I. W. Mitchell.	3.00
2	H. L. Moore.	113.35
2	H. L. Moore.	7.75
6	Elizabeth T. Whitehouse.	35.00
24	Bertha M. Stevens,	10.00
Aug. 11	Raymond C. Duncan.	6.57
12	Forest Rollins,	1.85
Sept. 4	H. L. Barr,	35.00
10	B. L. Blaisdell,	12.95
22	Chas. H. Davis,	7.15
25	Percy E. Gleason,	20.00
Oct. 1	Jones & Lamprey,	87.32
2	Percy E. Gleason,	45.00
2	Fannie G. de Rochemont.	40.00
2	Grace E. Lord,	40.00

	2	Leila F. Hussey,	36.00
	2	Elizabeth M. Hardy,	28.00
	2	Eula M. Presbry	28.00
	2	B. L. Blaisdell,	20.00
	3	Margaret H. Manuing,	40.00
	3	H. L. Moore,	60.00
	6	Allen Varney,	20.00
	8	Dorothy R. Palmer,	28.00
	8	Dorothy R. Palmer,	7.00
	15	Percy E. Gleason,	25.00
	23	Martha Atkinson,	33.80
	31	Albert S. Emerson,	.90
	31	Grace H. Rollins,	30.00
	31	Grace E. Lord,	40.00
	31	Leila F. Hussey,	36.00
	31	Margaret H. Manning,	40.00
	31	Percy E. Gleason,	40.00
Nov.	3	Eula M. Presbry,	28.00
	31	B. L. Blaisdell,	21.50
	3	Allen Varney,	20.00
	5	Fannie G. de Rochemont,	14.00
	6	Elizabeth M. Hardy,	28.00
	9	Carrie E. Paul,	67.20
	21	Grace H. Rollins,	47.00
	24	Percy E. Gleason,	65.00
	24	Grace E. Lord,	40.00
	24	Fannie G. de Rochemont,	40.00
	24	Leila F. Hussey,	36.00
	25	Margaret H. Manning,	40.00
	25	Allen Varney,	15.00
	28	B. L. Blaisdell,	21.50
Dec.	5	Harry L. Moore,	60.00
	5	Eula M. Presbry,	28.00

8	Elizabeth Hardy.	21.00
8	Martha Savage,	35.00
11	Wolfeboro school district,	22.50
11	Alta H. McDuffee,	5.00
18	H. L. Moore,	11.80
18	H. L. Moore,	60.00
18	Fannie G. de Rochemont,	30.00
18	Grace E. Lord.	30.00
18	Leila F. Hussey,	27.00
18	Percy E. Gleason,	75.75
18	Percy E. Gleason,	1.90
19	Margaret H. Manning.	30.00
19	B. L. Blaisdell,	15.00
24	Julian Emerson.	5.00
25	Elbridge Ellis,	15.00
25	Martha Savage,	28.00
28	Bertha M. Stevens,	24.00
28	Elizabeth M. Hardy,	28.00
1909.		
Jan. 4	W. Allen Varney.	20.00
4	Eula M. Presbry,	28.00
12	Ai T. Gilman,	75.00
23	Percy E. Gleason,	15.00
23	Elizabeth M. Hardy,	28.00
23	Eula M. Presby,	21.00
23	W. Allen Varney,	20.00
25	Martha G. Savage,	28.00
27	G. W. Place,	76.66
28	Fannie G. de Rochemont.	40.00
28	Grace E. Lord,	40.00
30	Leila F. Hussey,	36.00
30	B. L. Blaisdell,	21.50
Fe <sup>r</sup> . 4	Margaret H. Manning.	40.00

5	Percy E. Gleason,	75.25
5	Percy E. Gleason,	.46
3	H. L. Moore,	60.00
6	B. L. Blaisdell,	5.00
6	Julian Emerson,	2.50
6	Grace H. Rollins,	56.00
9	New Durham school district,	7.50
9	Fannie G. de Rochemont,	10.00
9	Grace E. Lord,	10.00
9	Leila F. Hussey,	9.00
10	Margaret H. Manning,	10.00
12	Chas. H. Jones,	3.00
12	George Locke,	5.00
12	Cyrus Furber,	1.00
12	Jones & Lamprey,	13.91
15	H. L. Moore,	60.00
15	S. E. Colbath & Co.,	1.75
15	A. D. Rollins,	13.85
15	A. D. Varney,	8.00
16	J. Jones & Son,	4.82
16	Alton and Alton Bay W. Co.,	11.75
16	W. E. Sanborn,	1.50
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Total,		\$4,792.21
Balance in treasury,		<hr/> 251.96
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Total,		\$5,044.17

FRANK A. VARNEY,

*Treasurer.*

We, the undersigned, having examined the foregoing account, find it properly vouched and correctly cast.

W. P. EMERSON,

W. P. PEABODY,

*Auditors.*

## Annual Report of the Superintendent of Schools.

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To the School Board and Citizens of Alton:

I herewith submit to you my second annual report as superintendent of your public schools.

### ATTENDANCE.

Following the spirit of my last report, special effort has been made to encourage the children to a more regular and punctual attendance. A notable improvement over last year may be observed, yet in a few cases much is still to be desired. Below is a comparison of the attendance record for the fall terms of 1907 and 1908:

	1907	1908		1907	1908
High . . .	91.9%	96.2%	West . . .	74.8%	93.0%
Grammar . .	90.8	93.2	Clough . . .	61.6	73.0
Intermediate	93.9	94.4	McDuffee . .	89.4	90.6
Primary . .	92.4	92.6	Mountain . .	87.2	75.3
	1907	1908			
Bay . . . .		85.6%			

### THE BAY SCHOOL.

Owing to the increased number of children at the Bay, the school was re-opened for the spring term with an average membership of fifteen pupils. It has since been in session. Twelve pupils are now enrolled.

The work of the school has been confined to that of the first five grades, and made as far as possible identical with that of like grades at the village. Pupils completing the fifth grade here pass to the sixth grade at the village. In

this way it has been conducted as a semi-graded school. But it is plainly impossible to do the same work with equal efficiency. The school year is shorter by six weeks, and the teacher has charge of five grades instead of three.

#### REPAIRS.

A few minor repairs have been made during the year. Some changes are still needed at West Alton and the McDuffee school. But the question of special importance at present is that of better and more adequate accommodations for the village. The school building is filled to its full seating capacity. In the grammar room, desks have been installed until there is no room for more. The school in the block must seek new quarters at the beginning of another year. The matter has now become one of more than temporary expediency; it is one of permanent educational and financial policy.

Either a substantial addition to the present building could be erected, or a new building entire. The first, if properly constructed, would meet all present needs at comparatively small expense; the other would give to Alton a permanent public building to which she could point with pride, and would provide for her children a school home equal to the best.

#### MEMBERSHIP.

The general movement of school membership is towards the center and the graded schools. This is universally true and has been for many years. The following table shows the trend in Alton, based upon average membership for the fall terms, 1907 and 1908:

	1907	1908		1907	1908
Grammar .	27.08%	29.27%	Mountain .	18.33%	15.62%
Inter .	26.09	22.38	West . .	9.39	7.63
Primary .	29.02	30.81	Clough . .	9.96	10.21
Bay . .		11.53	McDuffee .	7.23	9.88

This shows a gain of 14 per cent. in the village schools, and a loss of 3 per cent. in the districts.

#### CO-OPERATION.

The habit of persistent attention to duty, beyond its effect upon the child's daily work, forms in itself an essential part of his education, a part that determines quite largely the degree of his success in after life. With few children this habit is natural and easily formed; but with most it is developed only through the constant vigilance of parents and teacher. Thus the vital importance of co-operation the one with the other in the work and discipline of the school. Whatever is allowed to weaken this co-operation by so much weakens the possibilities of the child. Whatever leads to open opposition paves the way to a narrow, discontented citizen twenty years hence; narrow through his false impressions of duty and authority, discontented because in his limited vision he is ever out of harmony with his environment. The parent who openly ceases to support the discipline of the school, and allows his words of criticism and abuse to fall upon the ears of his children not only seriously injures the school, but does more, I believe, to blight the future possibilities of his children than the most efficient instruction can ever regain. A child's respect for all that the school stands for may be permanently weakened and often totally destroyed by a parent's single criticism. *Criticize the school if it needs it, but never within hearing of the child.* Parents have reason to expect much from the school, but never more than they are willing to contribute in encouragement and support.

#### HIGH SCHOOL.

Our high school has again been approved by the state department and commended for its work, which in every

department was satisfactory. The adoption of a second or English course has justified itself by an added interest and a nearer approach to the real requirements of the students. A more business-like attitude prevails, with less desire to drop studies or change courses. Each study is recognized as having its proper place, to be satisfactorily completed before credit can be received. This is adding much to the school's strength and character. Eleven pupils entered in September on examination, ten from our own schools and one from Gilmanton.

A student is now promoted and graduated according to points or credits. At the end of each year he receives as many credits for each study satisfactorily completed as there have been recitation periods per week in that study. For full work, he must take twenty periods per week, which entitles him to twenty credits at the close of the year. Eighty credits are required for graduation.

In case a student fails in one study he is promoted conditionally, and repeats that study. Should he fail in two or more studies, he remains in his class another year, repeating, however, only the work in which he has failed, possibly taking in addition one or two studies in the next succeeding class, according to his standing and ability. Thus a student receives credit for just what he has done, and at no time is he obliged to repeat a study in which he has done satisfactory work. He may complete his course of eighty credits in three, four, or five years.

The high school of the present stands as an open door to every child in the state. It offers, aside from preparation for college, a continued four years' training during a period in life most susceptible to potent influences for suc-

cess and right living. It is waking up the ambitious boy and girl of the farm and the village to new opportunities and giving them a start. The small high school is doing a great good in this respect, one that common terms can never measure.

But does the town reap its due proportion of the benefit? Probably not. The drift of high school graduates is usually away to the larger centers. The school, of course, in so far as it awakens ambition and prepares for possibilities foreign to the life of the town is responsible. To offset this drain, I believe the school in time can do much. It can bring its work into closer touch with that of the community which it serves. Children educated to home industries are more apt to remain at home to enrich the life and citizenship of their native town.

Every high school should maintain its college preparatory course, and every encouragement be given to those able and desiring to enter college. But what of the boy, the girl whose school training ends at our hands? We should offer to him an equal chance. It is to him that the educational thought of the present is being directed. Is he surrounded by manufacturing interests; they offer him a course including the mechanic arts. Does he live in a business center; they direct his training towards the essentials of commercial life. Is his home and interest on the farm; then let us assist him to a knowledge of the elements of agriculture and a better life upon the farm. Thus, I believe, will be determined in a large measure the high school education of the future.

The aim is not in any sense to furnish trade instruction, but it is an attempt to meet the child on the ground of his

nearest interests and offer to him a cultural training centered about these interests, also to offer to those who find little that is attractive in the classical courses a vital link that connects with the realities of life; resulting, I believe, in a greater per cent. of the young people of the community settling at home to add to its wealth and influence.

Alton lies in the midst of an agricultural community. Fifty per cent. of our high school students come from homes on the farm. It seems to me that there is a demand for an agricultural course. I would commend the matter to your careful consideration.

In the language of the state course of study, this course contemplates the following purposes:

“1. It proposes to utilize the science of agriculture as a means of general culture, parallel for this purpose with physics, chemistry, and the languages.

“2. It proposes to meet the boy whose previous interests have been those of the farm on the ground of those interests, and interpret them to him as a worthy part of higher education.

“3. It proposes to offer to him a sound educational basis for an efficient and worthy life as a husbandman.

“4. While primarily for the boy who cannot go to college, it also will serve as an excellent preparation for advanced schools of agriculture.

“5. It contemplates an addition to the wealth of the state and nation in a more highly trained generation of farmers.

Following is the course in outline:

Year	Subject	Hours per Week	Year	Subject	Hours per Week
I	English	5	III	English	5
	Algebra	5		Chemistry	5
	Biology	5		Comparative }	
	Farm Bookkeeping	{		Physiology	5
	Business Practice	{ 5		Rural Engineering	}
				French	5
II	English	5	IV	English	4
	Geometry	5		American History	4
	Physics	5		French	4
	Horticulture	{		Rural Economy and	{
	Agriculture	{ 5		Farm Management	{ 4
				Animal Husbandry	
				and Dairying	4

### SCHOOL WORK.

The school work has been considerably strengthened and brought nearer to standard grade. Results in most instances have been gratifying. No special methods have been encouraged. Emphasis has been placed on proper preparation and presentation by the teacher, followed by constant drill.

In accordance with a state movement recently organized, a plan for testing the eyesight of pupils has been begun. This is not in any way an attempt to displace the duties of the physician, but merely to ascertain by means of the common letter chart whose eyes are defective and need treatment. A card will be sent to the parents of pupils whose eyesight is found to be at fault. Parents may then consult an oculist, who will determine the nature of the trouble and, if possible, correct it. This is but the beginning of a widespread movement based upon the conviction that a child's physical as well as his mental welfare is a matter of public concern.

A visiting day was granted to each teacher during the spring term with good results. One was also given to each district teacher in the fall for visiting our own graded schools. This I believe to be of special value, as it enables these teachers, usually of less experience, to keep in touch with work at the village. I would recommend that the same privileges be allowed the coming year.

Let me again urge parents and citizens to visit the schools and observe for themselves what the children are doing.

For further data, I refer you to the appendices.

In conclusion, allow me to express my high appreciation for the generous support of board, teachers and pupils.

Respectfully submitted,

H. L. MOORE,  
*Superintendent*

Alton, N. H., February 15, 1909.

## SUMMARY.

School Year 1907-1908.

Length of village schools, in weeks,	36
Length of district schools, in weeks,	30
Average length for all schools.	32.57
Whole number of pupils.	204
Boys,	99
Girls,	105
Average attendance.	152
Average absence.	18
Average membership.	170
Percent of attendance.	89
Cases of tardiness.	693
Number of pupils not absent nor tardy.	8
Number visits by superintendent,	111
Number of visits by school board.	32
Number of visits by citizens.	279
Average weekly salary of teachers.	\$8.31
Number normal graduates.	3
Cost per pupil total current expenses.	\$29.67
Cost per pupil for instruction.	18.58
Cost per pupil for supervision.	3.43
Cost per pupil for supplies, etc.,	.94
Cost per pupil for books.	1.26

## FALL TERM, 1908.

SCHOOL	TEACHER	Wages per Week	Education	Total Number Pupils	Average Attendance	Average Membership	Percentage of Attendance	Cases of Tardiness
High	Percy E Gleason	18.06	College	39	34.22	35.55	96	74
Grammar	Fannie G deRochemont	10.00	College	31	27.28	29.27	93	46
Intermediate	Grace E Lord	10.00	Normal	23	21.08	22.38	94	15
Primary	Margaret H Manning	10.00	Normal	36	28.54	30.81	93	4
Bay	Leila F Hussey	9.00	Normal Course	13	9.87	11.53	86	77
Mountain	Elizabeth M Hardy	7.00	High School	17	11.72	15.63	75	142
West	Carrie C Paul	8.00	Training School	10	7.10	7.63	93	9
Clough	Grace W Rollins	7.00	High School	13	7.46	10.21	73	26
McDuffee	Martha G Savage	7.00	High School	10	8.96	9.88	91	34
	Eula M Presby	7.00	High School					

## High School Classes

	First Year	Second Year	Third Year	Fourth Year	Total
Entered by Promotion, Sept., 1908	11	15	—	10	36
Failed to Pass Previous Year	3	0	—	0	3
Total Membership	14	15	—	10	39
Left During the Year	3	3	—	0	6
Membership, Feb. 15, 1909	11	12	—	10	33

## Roll of Honor.

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School year 1907-1908.

### HIGH SCHOOL.

Mildred Davis.

Edith Welch.

### GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Albert Adams.

Wallace Adams.

### INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

Ella Adams.

### PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Helen Gilman.

Doris McDuffee.

Rexford Hormand.

## Library Report.

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To cash on hand, Feb. 15, 1908,	\$24.58	
To cash received from town treasurer, June 6,	159.50	
To cash received Mrs. Duncan, binding book,	1.50	
To cash, interest Eveline L. Palmer fund,	17.50	
Total,	\$203.08	
By cash paid Current Literature Co.,	\$1.50	
By cash paid Grumiaux News Agency,	22.60	
By cash paid freight on books,	.58	
By cash paid Charles Lauriat Co., books,	118.14	
By cash paid G. G. Neal, binding books,	29.40	
By cash paid Mrs. E. R. Wright, making catalogue,	5.00	
By cash paid E. H. Thomas, printing catalogues,	6.00	
By cash paid postage,	.04	
By cash on hand Feb. 15, 1909,	19.82	
Total,	\$203.08	
Number of books in library,	8,213	
Number of books loaned for year,	5,665	
Respectfully submitted,		
OLIVER J. M. GILMAN,		
ANNA M. WRIGHT,		
ALONZO S. FRENCH,		
<i>Library Trustees.</i>		





MARRIAGES REGISTERED in the TOWN OF ALTON, N. H., for the YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1908.

Date	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride		Occupation of Groom at time of Marriage	Occupation of Bride at time of Marriage	Place of Birth of Each	Name of Parents of Each	Birthplace of Parents	Occupation:	Name, Residence and status of person to whom married
		Residence of Groom	Residence of Bride							
Jan 1	Alton	John W. Morrison	Grace E. Brown	28 w Foreman	26 Housekeeper	Alton	David H. Morrison	Alton	Farmer	Melville A. Sawyer Stagecoachman Alton
1	"	James A. Miller	"	30 Farmer	31 Farmer	Epsom	Samuel H. Miller	Bethel	Husband	E. W. Cummings Stagecoachman Alton
Mar 30	Brattleboro Vt	Helen A. Flanagin	"	31 Farmer	31 Farmer	New Durham	James A. Miller	New Durham	Farmer	E. W. Cummings Stagecoachman Alton
Feb 7	Alton	Harold C. Koch	"	26 Carpenter	26 Carpenter	Alton	John F. Flanagin	Wilmot	Husband	E. W. Cummings Stagecoachman Alton
May 10	"	Alice M. Bent	"	21 Housekeeper	21 Housekeeper	Alton	Albert J. Flanagin	Wilmot	Husband	E. W. Cummings Stagecoachman Alton
June 4	Alton	Percy P. Preswell	"	21 Carpenter	21 Carpenter	Alton	Frank J. Flanagin	Wilmot	Husband	E. W. Cummings Stagecoachman Alton
"	"	Jennie M. Amis	"	33 Housekeeper	33 Housekeeper	Alton	Edith J. Flanagin	Wilmot	Husband	E. W. Cummings Stagecoachman Alton
"	"	Frank L. Emerson	"	29 Clerk	29 Clerk	Alton	John A. Flanagin	Wilmot	Husband	E. W. Cummings Stagecoachman Alton
July 1	Gilmanton	S. Frances Price	Gilmanton N.H.	19 "	19 "	Gilmanton	Anna F. Flanagin	Barreiro	Farmer	E. W. Cummings Stagecoachman Alton
7	Alton	Elmer Davis	"	21 Clerk	21 Clerk	Gifford	John A. Price	Gifford	Farmer	E. W. Cummings Stagecoachman Alton
"	"	Cora P. Jones	"	21 "	21 "	Alton	Edith A. Davis	Alton	Farmer	E. W. Cummings Stagecoachman Alton
July 4	Alton	William R. Smith	"	43 Stock cutter	43 Stock cutter	Eastport Me	Emma J. Jones	Alton	Farmer	E. W. Cummings Stagecoachman Alton
"	"	Elie M. Smith	"	24 Housekeeper	24 Housekeeper	Waldoboro	Edmund M. Smith	Wilmot	Husband	E. W. Cummings Stagecoachman Alton
6	Alton	Forrest L. Nutter	"	38 Shoemaker	38 Shoemaker	Alton	Charles A. Nutter	Wilmot	Husband	E. W. Cummings Stagecoachman Alton
Sept 16	"	George E. Geresh	"	27 Housekeeper	27 Housekeeper	"	Edith L. Nutter	Wilmot	Husband	E. W. Cummings Stagecoachman Alton
"	"	Herbert G. Merritt	"	25 Clerk	25 Clerk	"	Edith L. Geresh	Wilmot	Husband	E. W. Cummings Stagecoachman Alton
"	"	Ethel A. Wells	"	23 Bookkeeper	23 Bookkeeper	Boston Mass	Hazel W. Merritt	Wilmot	Husband	E. W. Cummings Stagecoachman Alton
Oct 1	Alton	Robert F. W. Hobart	"	20 Factory worker	20 Factory worker	Wilton	Ella B. Wells	Eldred	Husband	E. W. Cummings Stagecoachman Alton
"	"	Clinton E. Hobart	"	20 Semipermanent	20 Semipermanent	Waterville N.Y.	Eliza B. Hobart	Wilmot	Husband	E. W. Cummings Stagecoachman Alton
Nov 14	"	Wenfield Woods	Wellesley Ma	34 Nurse	34 Nurse	Ranger Me	Jacob Hobart	Wilmot	Husband	E. W. Cummings Stagecoachman Alton
"	"	Bertha Lydia Baynton	Alton	35 "	35 "	Alton	John W. Woods	Wilmot	Husband	E. W. Cummings Stagecoachman Alton

BIRTHS REGISTERED in the TOWN OF ALTON, N. H., for the YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1908

Sex-Condition	Name of the Child. (If any)	Date of Birth.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name Mother.	Date of Birth of Parents.		Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.
					Month	Year				
Male	Pauline	Aug 25	Vance M.	Lewis P. Vance	Jul 18	1870	Arlon	Merchandiser	Arlon	Arlon
Female	Pauline	Feb 24	Hause F.	Albert W. Hause	Mar 3	1870	W. Atton	Painter	Hampstead	W. Atton
Male	Pauline	Mar 1	Frederick P.	John A. Lewin	Mar 3	1870	W. Atton	Farmer	Sandown	W. Atton
Male	Pauline	Mar 15	Rufus Elliott	Henry V. Elliott	Mar 3	1870	W. Atton	Teacher	Carroll	W. Atton
Male	Pauline	Apr 2	Doris Elliott	Frank H. Elliott	Mar 3	1870	W. Atton	Cook	Tammer	W. Atton
Male	Pauline	May 16	Forster F.	Lester F. Elliott	Mar 3	1870	W. Atton	Carpenter	Taylor Mc-	W. Atton
Male	Pauline	July 21	Constant F.	John F. Elliott	Mar 3	1870	W. Atton	Clerk	Southampton	W. Atton
Male	Pauline	July 25	John	Henry V. Elliott	Mar 3	1870	W. Atton	Painter	Southampton	W. Atton
Male	Pauline	Aug 20	Alice	John H. Elliott	Mar 3	1870	W. Atton	Painter	Southampton	W. Atton
Male	Pauline	Sept 26	Irene F.	Frank H. Elliott	Mar 3	1870	W. Atton	Painter	Southampton	W. Atton
Male	Pauline	Oct 1	Katherine	John H. Elliott	Mar 3	1870	W. Atton	Painter	Southampton	W. Atton
Male	Pauline	Oct 22	Elliott M.	John H. Elliott	Mar 3	1870	W. Atton	Painter	Southampton	W. Atton
Male	Pauline	Dec 22	Pantaleon	John H. Elliott	Mar 3	1870	W. Atton	Painter	Southampton	W. Atton

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